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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, EG, US
SUBJ: ISRAELI EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES IN GULF OF SUEZ

REF STATE 309108,

1. ACCORDING TO INFO WHICH AMOCO RECEIVED RECENTLY, ISRAELI RIG, WHICH HAS BEEN DRILLING IN NORTHEAST CORNER BLOCK 305, HAS ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTIES AND DRILLING HAS BEEN SUSPENDED AT 3000 FEET. AMOCO WOULDNOT DIVULGE SOURCE OF INFO TO US.

2. IN CONVERSATION EITH EMBOFF JAN 12, AMOCO/EGYPT MANAGER ROSS CRAIG ASKED FOR UPDATE ON WHAT USG IS DOING TO PROTECT AMOCO'S INTERESTS IN CONCESSION AREAS IN EASTERN HALF OF GULF OF SUEZ BELOW SINAI II DISENGAGEMENT LINE AND IN REGARD TO ISRALI DRILLING IN BLOCK 305 SPECIFICALLY. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT WE HAD MADE KNOWN TO GOI USG POSITION ON THIS DRILLING AND THAT WE ARE CONTINUING TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH GOI. CRAIG SAID THAT QUESTION OF ISRAELI DRILLING IN BLOCK 305 IS STILL OF GREAT CONCERN TO GOE AND THAT THIS WAS REASON FOR HIS QUERY. (FYI - CRAIG IS NOT AWARE THAT GOE HAS FORMALLY RAISED THIS MATTER WITH USG . END FYI)

3. WE NOTE THAT US POSITION PROVIDED REFTTEL HAS BEEN USED
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TO REPLY TO PRIVATE OIL INDUSTRY QUERIES. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE COULD BE AUTHORIZED TO PRESENT ORALLY THIS USG POSITION TO CRAIG, IF HE SHOULD RAISE MATTER AGAIN. ADVISE.
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